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## Charles Galloway Calhoun, Texas Shriner Elected Imperial Potentate

### Elevated to Highest Office in Shrinedom at 74th Imperial Council Convention in Atlantic City

AT THE 74th Imperial Council Session of North America held in Atlantic City June 8-9-10, one of the outstanding Masons and Shriners of the State of Texas, Illustrious Noble Charles Galloway Calhoun was unanimously elected Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America for the coming year.

Charles Galloway Calhoun was born in Athens, Texas, on August 22, 1894, the son of Reverend John Caldwell Calhoun and wife, Bettie (Moore) Calhoun. His parents were of the sturdy, upright, and God-fearing stock typical of the men and women who pioneered the paths of civilization in the early days of the state.

Mr. Calhoun received his education in the public schools of Tyler, Cumberland University, and the University of Texas, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws from Centenary College.

Immediately upon his graduation from law school he began the practice of law in Tyler, and shortly thereafter he was appointed Assistant County Attorney of Smith County.

In 1920, at the age of twenty-five, he became a candidate for and was elected District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District of Texas, which position he held for more than three terms. A profound student of the psychology of the average man, and able and searching cross-examiner, whose eloquent and impassioned appeals carried him into the heart and conscience of the jury, he was a brilliant prosecutor and established an enviable record as one of the most vigorous and successful prosecuting attorneys who has ever served the people of Texas.

In 1927, Mr. Calhoun was appointed Assistant Attorney General of Texas, and in 1928 he was designated as First Assistant Attorney General of Texas, which position he held until March 1, 1930, when he resigned to re-enter the private practice of law at Tyler with Thomas B. Ramey and Bryan Marsh under the firm name of Ramey, Calhoun, and Marsh. This association continues to the present

time, now under the firm name of Ramey, Calhoun, Marsh, Brelsford, and Sheehy.

While in the Attorney General's Department, he was sent to various sections of the state as special prosecutor in unusually difficult situations, and gained statewide prominence in his relentless prosecution of organized crime rings and corrupt officialdom. He figured in securing convictions in some of the most noted murder trials in Texas Criminal Jurisprudence. During this period he was legal counsel for and collaborated with the Texas Rangers, that famous and very colorful law enforcement agency in Texas, and upon his retirement from public office, he was presented with a picture of that organization, bearing the inscription, "To Galloway Calhoun, the best friend the Texas Rangers ever had."

Since leaving public office, Mr. Calhoun has been busily engaged in the practice of civil law as a member of one of the leading law firms in Texas. In speaking of his legal career, a life long contemporary before the Texas Bar has this to say in appraising the elements leading to his success: "Mr. Calhoun's success as a lawyer is the fusion of many factors. His striking personality and his intense and kindly human interest in his fellow man have been the 'open sesame' to a host of friends throughout the state." It is, of course, important that he knows so many people all over Texas and can probably call by name as many as any other living Texan, but if one would appraise the dominant, over-all element of his success, it would be the unquestionable personal rectitude of his life. This great impelling and sustaining force enabled him to reduce most issues to the simple denominator of moral values without shame and without hypocrisy. In the court room, it fired his eye; it seemed to exude from every pore; it influenced every motion, every action; juries were entranced by his eloquence, by his sincerity, and in the combined current of these forces were swept forward to verdicts, verdicts for his clients.

Although the demands of his profession upon his time are many and constant, he has evidenced a willingness to devote his best efforts to many other worthwhile activities — religious, civic, political, and fraternal. Being a devout member of the Methodist Church, he has taken an active part in all of its programs. For many years he has been a member of the Board of Stewards of his church, serving until recently as Chairman. In 1939 he served as delegate to the Uniting Conference of Methodist Churches, at which The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South, and The Methodist Protestant Church were united and became "The Methodist Church." He has repeatedly served as delegate to the Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conferences of the Methodist Church. Perhaps his outstanding service to his church has been in the capacity of teacher of the Friendly Class of Marvin Methodist Church of Tyler, which is recognized as one of the largest mens' Sunday School Classes in Methodism, with services regularly broadcast.

He has ever been found willing and ready to contribute his time, talents, and means to all commendable undertakings for the upbuilding of his city, state, and nation. He has for years been President of Tyler Community Chest and was recently made President Emeritus. For years he has been President of the County Board of Education. He is a Director of the Texas Rose Festival Association, the East Texas Physiotherapy Center, the Youth Foundation, and the East Texas Hospital Association, and recently successfully directed the campaign for the erection of a one million, five hundred thousand dollar hospital. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children. He is a Rotarian and has served as President of Tyler Rotary Club. In 1934-1935 he acted as director of the

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**IMPERIAL POTENTATE**

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Federal Housing Administration for the Eastern District of Texas and in such capacity directed the establishment of the program of such agency in a large portion of the state. As a member of the Federal Centennial Advisory Committee, he assisted in staging the Texas Centennial celebration in 1936.

Mr. Calhoun's political affiliations have been with the Democratic party. He has served his party in various capacities, and on three separate occasions he was selected as a delegate from Texas to Democratic National Conventions. Accordingly, he attended the conventions which were held in New York in 1924, in Chicago in 1932, and in Philadelphia in 1936. On frequent occasions he has been urged by friends throughout the state, by resolutions of various bodies, and by press and editorial demand to become a candidate for Governor and the United States Senate.

During World War I, Mr. Calhoun served as Director of the 144th Infantry Band, 36th Division. During World War II, he was special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States in Selective Service matters, and as Vice-President of the Texas War Chest, was Director of campaigns for funds in the Eastern District of Texas.

As a tribute to Mr. Calhoun's success in his various fields of endeavor, he has been listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Law, and Who's Who in Methodism.

He is a Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 53 of Tyler, Texas, he is past Commander of Knights Templar, Past Potentate of Karem Temple, and past President of the Texas Shrine Council. He is director of his Court of the Royal Order of Jesters and is sovereign of his conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He has received the 33rd and last Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. In 1931 he was appointed as Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas. In 1933, he was elected Grand Junior Warden, thereafter serving successively as Grand Senior Warden and Deputy Grand Master and as the Centennial Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1936-37. He is the recipient of the Henry Price Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

He has served as a representative to the Imperial Council since 1926. At the Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Imperial Council held in Los Angeles, California, in June of 1938, he was elected and installed Imperial Outer Guard. He has been regularly advanced in the Imperial Line, and at the session held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was installed Imperial Potentate on June 10, 1948.

On June 25, 1922, Imperial Potentate Calhoun married Miss Dorothy Calloway of Mineola, Texas. They have two children, a daughter, Elizabeth, now Mrs.

R. L. Bobbitt, Jr., and a son, Charles Galloway, Jr., aged sixteen. Their lovely home is situated in a beautiful woodland setting about two miles south of Tyler.

**OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF ALEPO  
ATTEND 74TH IMPERIAL SESSION**

**Illustrious Potentate**  
Wallace D. Riddell leads Shrine Parade  
Up the Atlantic City Boardwalk

OVER 300 Officers and Members of the Uniformed Units of Aleppo from the Aleppo Patrol, Band, Degree Staff, Mounted Patrol and Ritualistic Team attended the 74th Annual Convention of the Imperial Council held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 6-7-8-9-10.

The Caravan led by Illustrious Potentate Wallace D. Riddell of Waban and his elected and appointed Divan, Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council left Boston aboard a special train Sunday morning, June 6, arriving in Atlantic City at 6:00 p.m., after a pleasant and comfortable ride through Western Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey with short stopovers at New Haven and New York City.

Arriving at Atlantic City the Aleppo delegation, led by Illustrious Potentate Riddell and Mrs. Riddell, riding in the open car of Imperial Oriental Guide, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Aleppo, paraded from the railroad station up Pacific Avenue and down the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk to the Shelburne Hotel, Headquarters of the Aleppo delegation during their stay for the Imperial Session in the nationally known convention city.

The Arab Patrol, famous Aleppo Band and Uniformed Units, always a favorite with the public at these Imperial Sessions, were welcomed by throngs of Atlantic City citizens, who gave them great applause as they marched by.

Illustrious Potentate Riddell, proudly wearing his Potentate's fez, presented to him by the Nobility of Aleppo, on his elevation to the office of Illustrious Potentate of the 4th largest Temple in North America, received the applause of the people and answered with a lusty wave and a cheery Aleppo smile.

Participating in the big Tuesday morning parade, signifying the official opening of the convention were the elected and appointed Officers of the Temple and 300 of our band and marching units dressed in their multi-colored uniforms. The Aleppo Mounted Patrol attended in full force and attracted much attention mounted on their snappy Atlantic City steeds. Aleppo's big band, Arab Patrol, and other marching units also came in for their share of applause along the line of march as did the gigantic beanpot trailer which led the procession and signified to the public that the Shriners from Beantown were well represented at this convention.

The Officers and Units again marched in the Official Night Parade on Wednesday evening in the most colorful and spectacular of all parades and with more bands and marching units than any other parade ever presented, taking over five hours to pass. These two parades were reviewed by the Imperial Potentate and Officers

from the official reviewing stand in the Atlantic City Convention Hall which was jammed to capacity on both occasions. Participating in these two mammoth parades were delegations from 75 of the Shrine Temples located throughout North America.

The public was admitted to the opening exercises of the convention following the Tuesday morning parade and witnessed a very colorful pageant and interesting program arranged by the local Shrine Committee, headed by Past Potentate Walter S. Jeffries of Crescent Temple, Trenton, New Jersey, who was Director General of this Imperial Session.

Among the outstanding speakers and distinguished Nobles participating in the opening exercises were Hon. Alfred E. Driscoll, Governor of New Jersey; Hon. Buford H. Jester, Governor of Texas; Mayor Joseph Altman of Atlantic City; Most Worshipful E. Walter Parsons, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Jersey; William Beck, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of New Jersey, and Frank C. Sayrs, 33rd Degree Deputy of New Jersey, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Following the opening exercises the 650 delegates from the 159 Shrine Temples throughout North America went into executive session enacting laws and legislation governing the Shrine of North America.

At the election of officers of the Imperial Council for the coming year, Aleppo's Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was elevated to the office of Imperial High Priest and Prophet. Representatives to the Imperial Council from Aleppo Temple in addition to Illustrious Noble Wilson were Illustrious Potentate Wallace D. Riddell, Chief Rabban Frank B. Ells, Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard, Past Potentate Justin A. Duncan and Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.

On the program for the entertainment for the visiting Nobility and their families was ocean bathing, golf, yachting and continuous band concerts topped off by a four-hour Shrine Jubilee and Mardi Gras on Atlantic City's great boardwalk on Monday night, participated in by the Shriners' Bands, Chanters, Patrols and fun makers.

During the convention a trap shooting tournament was held at the Atlantic City Gun Club for the trap shooting championship of Shrinedom.

Atlantic City will long remember this visitation of the Nobility of North America for their congenial smiles and their never ending fun-making as well as the entertainment provided by the country's outstanding musicians and drilling units. The week long festivities in connection with the convention drew an estimated 75,000 people to Atlantic City.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1948**

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**All Petitions for membership to be acted upon at this meeting MUST be in the Recorder's office not later than 4.00 p.m., TUESDAY, JUNE 23. (2 days before the meeting.)**

**AFTERNOON MEETING - - - - - 4.00 to 5.00 P.M.**

**PAUL REVERE HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING  
ENTER AT 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*The following proposed amendment of the by-laws of Aleppo Temple offered in writing at the April 14 business meeting will be acted upon at the business meeting Friday, June 25, 1948 at 4.00 P.M.*  
*Amend by-laws by striking out Section 6 of Article IV and substituting therefore, the following:*

**LIFE MEMBERS**

*Section 6. Any member of this Temple who is in good standing and whose dues are paid in full may become a Life Member thereof by paying to the Temple the sum of thirty times the annual dues, upon receipt of which the Recorder shall issue to him a certificate of Life Membership. Said member shall thereafter become exempt from the payment of annual dues and assessments by the temple, but shall retain all the privileges of membership.*

**BALLOTTING ON CANDIDATES**

**Candidates report at West Newton Street Entrance of Mechanics Building at 2.30 P.M.**

**RITUALISTIC DEGREE WORK IN FULL FORM**

**SEILER BUFFET DINNER - - - - - 5.00 to 7.00 P.M.**

**ENTER AT BANQUET HALL, 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**

**EVENING CEREMONIAL - - - - - 6.00 P.M.**

**GRAND HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING  
CONCERT BY BAND**

**EVENING PARADE AND PATROL DRILL**

**NEW AND NOVEL STUNTS BY DEGREE STAFF**

**GRAND VAUDEVILLE SHOW**

The Potentate, Divan, Band and Patrol of Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vermont, will be our guests at this Ceremonial. Let's give them a Royal Welcome.

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**Illustrious Potentate**  
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## SHRINERS' CRIPPLED CHILDREN HOSPITAL NEWS

By NOBLE N. RUSSELL LYNN

Board of Governors — Springfield Unit

MANY fine talks have been given throughout North America on our Shriners' Hospitals, but the following we feel should be heard or read by all.

The Story of Jacobito and Morris was delivered over Radio stations WAAT, Newark, New Jersey, and WCAP, Asbury Park, New Jersey, by George E. Stringfellow, Potentate of Salaam Temple, Newark, New Jersey.

"Because our hospitals are open to any crippled child, with hope of a cure or improvement in his condition and whose family cannot pay the cost of hospitalization, I am moved to tell the public the story of Jacobito and of Morris and of the Shriners' Hospitals.

"These hospitals are the fulfillment of a dream of the Honorable W. Freeland Kendrick, former Imperial Potentate of our Fraternity. Mr. Kendrick, moved by contact with underprivileged children while Mayor of Philadelphia nearly forty years ago, conceived the idea of hospitals maintained principally by Shriners to treat and cure crippled children who, otherwise were destined to go through life a burden to society.

"As a result of Mr. Kendrick's vision and leadership, and that of other Shriners who saw the great philanthropic possibilities of the hospital plan, the first Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children was opened in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 16, 1922. The first patient at this hospital was a little girl eight years old. Since that day, about 100,000 children have been admitted to Shriners' Hospitals. All have left improved — many cured.

"Today the Shrine has twelve hospitals in the United States, two in Canada, one in Honolulu, and maintains a hospital service in Mexico City. The hospitals in this country are located at: Springfield, Mass.; Chicago; Greenville, So. Carolina; Spokane; Salt Lake City; Lexington, Kentucky; Philadelphia; St. Louis; Minneapolis, St. Paul; Shreveport; San Francisco; Portland, Oregon.

"Since their inception, these hospitals have been staffed with the finest orthopedic surgeons available and with nurses specially trained in this service.

"The hospitals are supported by an annual assessment of \$2.00 per member, supplemented by substantial gifts and legacies.

"But let us return to the story of little Jacobito. Some years ago, an American Shriner in Panama on business, had his attention called to the pitiful condition of a native boy — that boy was Jacobito. He recognized this as a case for the Shriners' Hospital, and made arrangements to bring Jacobito to this country. The lad arrived at the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital in a basket. That basket had been Jacobito's home for seven years — all of his life.

"Then started a long course of treatment. During the six years he remained at the Shriners' Hospital, he underwent twenty surgical operations. While there, he was educated for the useful life, which the surgeons are sure he will some day attain.

"When the surgeons had done all that could be done — and all that needed to be done — for little Jacobito, he walked from the hospital and traveled back to his native Panama, his handicap overcome.

"Today, Jacobito, a thriving, husky youth, is studying pharmacy. When his course is completed, he hopes to return to the United States to study medicine.

Ultimately he hopes to become an orthopedic surgeon — and perform the kind of miracles for others that the surgeons at the Philadelphia Hospital performed for him.

"Now let's consider the story of Morris, whose case seemed almost hopeless. But a surgeon at the Shriners' Hospital who didn't think Morris was licked, said he could be helped. So Morris became a patient at the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital. Operations followed. Tests for braces were made. Special braces were manufactured in the factory maintained by the Shriners' Hospitals. When he was ready to return home a year later, Morris walked from the hospital, aided by the braces and artificial limbs. He smiled at his parents and at the happy hospital officials who were witnessing another victory over handicaps. Morris's parents thanked God for a Shriners' Hospital.

"Many thousands of crippled children have been aided, as were little Jacobito and Morris because Freeland Kendrick's vision became a reality.

"Here are the requirements for admittance to a Shriners' Hospital —

"The child must be under fourteen years of age.

"The parents must be unable to pay for treatment, and

"There must be some hope he can be helped or cured.

There are no restrictions of race, color, or religion.

"It is estimated that there are more than 400,000 seriously crippled children in North America today who need orthopedic treatment. Medical science hopes eventually to master those children's diseases which leave their little bodies twisted and crippled. But meanwhile, the number of these handicapped little folk will continue to be very great, and the work which the Shriners have undertaken will increase. Nearly 1,000 children are under treatment today in the sixteen hospitals. As soon as one returns home, another will take his place in the hospital.

"Many public-spirited people, who recognize that the services of these hospitals are extended to the public without restriction, have given of their wealth to assist in this great work — for here is a charity in its broadest and most generous character. Here is an opportunity for these people to devote some part of their estate, in the form of a bequest, to a most worthy cause.

"A few years ago, a New Brunswick, N. J. man and his wife left an estate of more than \$1,300,000 to the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital. The income from this estate is paying the cost of giving hope, activity, and health to crippled children. There could be no better memorial than to enable a crippled girl or boy to walk and to become a working, useful citizen.

"Here, indeed, is a challenge to those of health and wealth — a challenge to give life, hope and happiness to crippled children through the Shriners' Hospitals."



### NEWBURYPORT NOBLES ASSIST IN INSTALLATION

ALLEPO Nobles in Newburyport joined hands with the ladies when they acted as Guard of Honor during the installation ceremonies of the Officers of Laurel Hill Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, Newburyport, April 22.

Installed as Worthy Matron was Mrs. Beulah G. Beaudoin, wife of Noble William J. Beaudoin, Potentate's Ambassador for Newburyport.

The Shrine Guard of Honor vied with the colorful dresses of the ladies as they led the procession wearing the black and gold Aleppo capes and red fezzes.

Officers of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts O. E. S., who installed Mrs. Beaudoin in these ceremonies included Mrs. Alice F. Watson, Worthy Grand Matron; Harold T. Buxton, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Sarah G. Stover, Grand Marshal; and Mrs. Marion W. Buxton, Grand Electra, who served as installing Chaplain.

Nearly 500 members and guests attended the Public Installation following the afternoon business meeting and banquet in the Temple auditorium.

The escort for Noble Beaudoin consisted of Nobles Arthur Browne, Chester Hall, Clarence Fogg, Dr. Andrew Longley, Harold Gale, Dr. Storer Humphrey, Albert Caswell, Robert Davenport, James Zafiris and Norman Snow.

## CAIRO UNIFORMED UNITS TO VISIT ALEPPO CEREMONIAL

JUNE 25

THE Patrol and Drum Corp of Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vermont, has accepted the invitation of Illustrious Wallace D. Riddell of Aleppo to attend our summer Ceremonial and Strawberry Festival, and participate in a special drill in the meeting during the evening.

Illustrious Potentate Simeon M. Rising of Cairo assures Aleppo's nobility that his uniformed men, approximately sixty in number, under the direction of Noble Walter Wheeler, Chief of the Cairo units, will give an exhibition that will be hard to match.

The Cairo Units are nationally known, having won competition drills at Imperial Council Sessions and District Shrine meetings. They recently participated in an exhibition drill at the combined Ceremonial of Mt. Sinai and Cairo Temples held May 14 at Burlington, Vermont, where the drill teams of both Temples received special commendation for their excellent work.

Nobles, let's turn out and give these neighboring Shriners a rousing welcome.



### NATION'S SHRINERS STAGE DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT WASHINGTON MEMORIAL, JUNE 2

ELABORATE ceremonies, national in character and attended by Imperial Potentate Karl Rex Hammers and his Imperial Divan, marked the dedication and opening of the three Shrine rooms in the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, Wednesday afternoon, June 2, 1948.

According to Illustrious Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr., Imperial Oriental Guide, who was among those witnessing the ceremonies, the three large rooms will create a memorial to the Shrine of North America and will feature the year-after-year work done for the crippled children on this continent. He said that the George Washington Masonic Memorial itself, 333 feet high, is a landmark in the greater national capital area, and is modelled after the ancient lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt.

The ceremonial, from the massing of the colors preceding the playing of the National Anthem to the "Recessional" by the Almas Temple Band of Washington, D. C., took up one hour, starting at 2:30 o'clock and included a short address by Past Imperial Potentate W. Freeland Kendrick, of Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman, Board of Trustees, Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. The presentation was made by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Roland D. Baldwin, of Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the committee in charge of decorating the rooms; and the space was accepted by, and the ribbon cut by Karl Rex Hammers, Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America.

"The rooms," Illustrious Noble Wilson said, "have already been elaborately furnished by donations from Shrines in

the United States, Mexico and Canada, including the donation of a large wall size mural, the gift of Aleppo Temple of Boston, and a huge Oriental rug, valued at \$150,000 by Medinah Temple of Chicago, Ill. Uniformed bodies for the occasion were provided by Almas Temple, Washington, nearest Shrine body to Alexandria, headed by its Potentate Illustrious Noble Omer W. Clark.

Participating in these ceremonies in addition to Illustrious Noble Wilson was Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard, Chairman of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee of the Shrine of North America.



### FIFTY-YEAR NOBLE 'CYCLIST AT EIGHTY

AT THE close of the last Ceremonial in April a young looking Noble wearing a cap and a Shrine smile walked into the Shrine Headquarters to check on the date of his initiation in Aleppo. During the conversation which revealed the fact that this Noble, Fred W. Baldwin of Weymouth joined Aleppo back in the early 90's, it was learned that this venerable Shriner, who has just passed his 80th birthday, is a motorcycle enthusiast of reputation, especially throughout the South Shore.

Noble Fred said that he did not believe there were many 50-year Shriners among the half million Nobles in North America who, like himself, was an enthusiastic motorcyclist. Noble Fred also claimed he is the only Shriner in North America who at the age of 80 is still an active member of the motorcycle fraternity. And better still, he claims he is the only person in any fraternity who has had a new motorcycle every year for the past 38 years with but two exceptions. One was when he was laid up in 1929 for twenty months due to an accident, and Noble Baldwin was quick to advise that it was not a motorcycle accident but one received during his employ with the Town Highway Department. The other interruption was caused by World War II.

Born in 1868 in Weymouth, Mass., Noble Baldwin was for many years a shoe worker in the Stetson Shoe plant in that town. He was later employed by the Town Highway Department for 19 years before his retirement, in the early 30's.

After many years of bicycling Fred bought his first motorcycle back in 1910, a four-cylinder Pierce Arrow model with shaft drive and although he felt it was not too satisfactory at that time, we have a feeling that his best memories of cycling in the past 38 years are those enjoyed with his Pierce Arrow "bike." Each year since that time Noble Baldwin has purchased a new motorcycle with the exception of the war years when they were not built. Last month he celebrated his 80th birthday by driving a new, shiny, red two-cylinder Harley-Davidson motorcycle, glistening with chrome, through the streets of Weymouth, Quincy and the neighboring towns.



Over the long period of years and the hundreds of thousands of miles Noble Fred has cycled, he recalls only one accident and that one some years ago which necessitated his staying in the hospital only over night.

Noble Baldwin likes to talk about his motorcycle "hobby" and there is a twinkle in his eye and a Shrine smile on his lips when he admits that "there aren't many youngsters my age riding motorcycles today."



### PET GRIPES

#### WAITING in line to buy tickets.

Being forced to read all the names of directors, assistant directors, cosumers, designers, photographers, authors, actors, etc., etc., etc., at the beginning of each film at the movies.

Trying to find "continued on page?" in the average magazine. Some pages are numbered at the top, some at the bottom, some not at all, some inside.

Being forced to listen to too long commercials on most radio programs.

The taxi driver behind you who acts as though you had no right to be on the street.

Waiting for those who are habitually late at appointments.

The guy who uses his auto horn to let his date know he has arrived and is waiting.

Folks who demand more than regular service in restaurants, dining cars and such places, and who voice their complaints loudly so that everybody can hear them.

People who insist in standing in the doorway of passenger elevators, making it difficult for others to enter or leave.

Being forced by custom to tip, even when you have received very indifferent service.

The driver who steals the parking place you are endeavoring to back into.

The guy who tells you how fine he feels since he quit smoking, and why don't you do it.

The selfishness of drivers on through streets who refuse to permit cross traffic to pass.

People with dogs that ruin other people's lawns, shrubbery, flower beds, etc.

The pencil borrower who puts the pencil in his own pocket when he has finished with it.

Having your fenders nicked nearly every time you put your car in a parking lot.

The condescending and patronizing attitude of the average head waiter.

That our women must follow the prevailing styles, no matter how silly or unbecoming to them.

Loud goodbyes after late parties which wake up everybody in the neighborhood.

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By NOBLE

J. ARTHUR

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AS WE go to press it is the eve of the Imperial Session at Atlantic City, so the news of the Convention will not be reported until the next issue of our magazine. As we write this we anticipate a good meeting and hope that Aleppo Temple will be well represented, as usual. We sincerely hope that our good Potentate, Wallace Riddell, will be able to take his place at the head of the Temple. The members of the uniformed units are ready and chafing at the bits with the exception of a few men who are unable to go for business reasons. Arthur Johnson of the second platoon, a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, has been called for service and probably will be detained for a month or two. Harry Mazmanian of the fourth platoon, is on a buying trip to California and thence to Hawaii. Sam Colton of the fifth platoon is on a long planned trip to visit relatives in Oregon.

I know that the members would like to extend their sympathy to Lieut. Leslie Dixon on the recent passing of Mrs. Dixon. He is back again at the head of his platoon after an absence of several weeks. Sergeant Blatchford carried on very credibly as Commander of the unit while Leslie was away. The third platoon put on an exhibition drill for the entertainment of Golden Rule Lodge, on its Ladies' Night at Wakefield, Saturday, May 15.

On May 25, Gethsemane Commandery had an interesting meeting with an exemplification of the Illustrous Order of the Red Cross in full dramatized form. Past Eminent Commander Harold Burr directed the work. Harold also took the part of Darius, John Naylor acted the part of Prince Chancellor, Louis Beaujolin was Zerubbabel, and Frank Parker was Treasurer. The candidates included five companions conferred for Temple Commandery of Norwood, five companions conferred for St. John's Commandery of Providence, and three companions conferred for Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose.

Hugh de Payens Commandery is to be congratulated on their splendid inspection, May 12, when they received a minus ten mark -- practically perfect. Em. Clyde Carter was inspecting officer. Grand Commander George Weeks and Major Vaughan were guests and Capt. Jim Babcock is a member of the Guards.

Reggie Morse is to be a pioneer in the television business, under the name of the Newtonville Television Company at 321 Walnut Street in that city. The company will present the leading makes of television sets for family use, such as the R.C.A. and General Electric. We congratulate Reggie on his new venture and hope that the multitudes will make a beaten path to his door.

"Scottie" Andrew Duncan is receiving the congratulations of the boys on his marriage to Miss Irene Hayes in April. The happy couple are making their new home in Somerville. Lieut. Ben James is the loser as he and "Scottie" have been room-mates for sixteen years.

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**ALEPO THIRD DEGREE TEAM ACTIVE**

SINCE our last publication the newly formed 3rd degree team of Aleppo made two more visitations and participated in the work of the 3rd degree.

Under the direction of Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, Chairman, the Degree Team journeyed to Wyoming Lodge in Melrose, Wednesday, April 28, where they participated in the work of the evening, giving the 3rd degree in full form.

The banquet hall on this occasion was a colorful spectacle with a capacity crowd of nearly 400 white-aproned and red-fezzed brethren gathered for a very delightful dinner. The music on this occasion was again furnished by our Aleppo Temple "Fez-tive Four" comprised of members of the Shrine Band, and now a part of our 3rd degree set-up.

At eight o'clock, Wor. Galen W. Hoyt, Worshipful Master of Wyoming Lodge was advised that Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, chairman of the Aleppo Temple 3rd Degree Team and his officers were present for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to Wyoming Lodge and to exemplify the 3rd degree.

Upon being received Rt. Wor. Duncan introduced the officers of the team, all Nobles of Aleppo Temple, which included Bro. Frank B. Ells, Chief Rabban; Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Potentate and Imperial Oriental Guide; Bro. N. Russell Lynn, Assistant Rabban; Bro. Andrew S. Seiler, High Priest and Prophet; Wor. Lawson W. Oakes, Oriental Guide; Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, Past Potentate and Treasurer; Bro. Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder; Wor. Gerald F. Zedren, Second Ceremonial Master; Rt. Wor. Willard P. Lombard, Past Potentate; Rt. Wor. Arthur A. Sondheim, Past Potentate; Bro. Walter W. Benson, Marshal; Bro. William A. Odell, Lieut. Arab Patrol; Wor. Edgar H. Patterson, Capt., Mounted Patrol; Wor. Reginald R. Goldsworthy, Marshal of Ritualistic Degree Team; Wor. Frederick J. Haydock, Registrar of Candidates; Bro. Francis R. Sagle, Aide to the Potentate; Bro. Paul Walton Bemis, Chaplain; Bro. Charles R. Gunnarson, Assistant Marshal; Bro. Charles Taylor, Quartermaster. Again on this occasion dinner music was furnished by the Aleppo Temple "Fez-tive Four" consisting of Bro. Anthony S. Bersacola, Bro. Elmer W. Flagg, Bro. Walter T. Leavitt and Bro. Elliott M. Davidson.

The charge to the candidates on this occasion was delivered by Bro. Paul Walton Bemis. His subject "When is a man a Mason," was both impressive and appropriate.

The following letter was received from the Worshipful Galen W. Hoyt, Worshipful Master of Wyoming Lodge:

"Dear Brother Duncan:

"A rather belated note but never the less a sincere one to express to you and the members of the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team our appreciation for the very enjoyable evening we had at Wyoming Lodge on April 28th.

"The compliments are still coming in. Hardly a day goes by when someone doesn't stop me on the street to say, 'Sure was a great meeting.'

"I wish you would thank the members

of the Team for their part in making one of my meetings as Master of Wyoming Lodge such a memorable one.

"Fraternally yours,  
"Wyoming Lodge A.F. & A.M.  
"Galen W. Hoyt, Master."

**DEGREE TEAM VISITS NORWOOD**

On Tuesday evening, May 11, 1948, the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team were the guests of Orient Lodge, Norwood, Massachusetts.

A very delightful dinner was served to a capacity crowd of over 300 on this occasion.

At eight o'clock Worshipful Master Clifton W. Leavis, Worshipful Master of Orient Lodge and a Noble of Aleppo, received Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan and his officers of the Third Degree Team and extended a most cordial welcome to Orient Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Duncan extended the fraternal greetings of our Illustrious Potentate Bro. Wallace D. Riddell and introduced each member of the Third Degree Team present as follows: Bro. Frank B. Ells, Chief Rabban; Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Potentate and Imperial Oriental Guide; Bro. N. Russell Lynn, Assistant Rabban; Bro. Andrew S. Seiler, High Priest and Prophet; Wor. Lawson W. Oakes, Oriental Guide; Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, Past Potentate and Treasurer; Bro. Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder; Wor. Gerald F. Zedren, Second Ceremonial Master; Rt. Wor. Willard P. Lombard, Past Potentate; Rt. Wor. Arthur A. Sondheim, Past Potentate; Bro. Walter W. Benson, Marshal; Bro. William A. Odell, Lieut. Arab Patrol; Wor. Edgar H. Patterson, Capt., Mounted Patrol; Wor. Reginald R. Goldsworthy, Marshal of Ritualistic Degree Team; Wor. Frederick J. Haydock, Registrar of Candidates; Bro. Francis R. Sagle, Aide to the Potentate; Bro. Paul Walton Bemis, Chaplain; Bro. Charles R. Gunnarson, Assistant Marshal; Bro. Charles Taylor, Quartermaster.

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At the conclusion of the work, Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and a member of the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team delivered a very inspiring charge to the candidates and complimented the Degree Team on their fine rendition of the ritual and floor work of the Third Degree.

The following letter was received from Wor. Clifton W. Leavis, Worshipful Master of Orient Lodge.

"Dear Rt. Wor. Brother Duncan:

"I want to express to you and to the members of the Aleppo Temple Degree Team my sincere thanks and appreciation for coming to Norwood and participating in the work of the Third Degree. It must have been a source of pleasure and inspiration to those who were privileged to see the work as exemplified by the team. I am sure these visits are for the betterment of Aleppo Temple as several of the members including the recent candidates have told me that they are going to take the necessary degrees and join the Shrine.

"I also want to thank the 'Fez-tive Four' who contributed so much to the enjoyment of the supper hour.

"Hoping to see you and the members of the team in Norwood again in the near future, I am

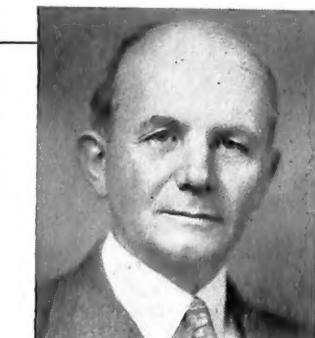
"Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
"Clifton W. Leavis, Master."

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By NOBLE

J. HOWARD

MACAULAY

OUR Ceremonial scheduled for June 25 will feature the Second Section with an entirely "New Look." Director Frank Watson spent several days in Birmingham, Alabama, where he attended the Annual Convention of the National Directors Association and was able to pick up many new stunts for the initiation of candidates. We hope the Nobility will enjoy them. We know definitely that the candidates will not.

There are unquestionably varied talents among the members of the Degree Staff, but the most important is the talent "Ken" Painton has for preparing food. "Ken" is the Chef at Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead and it would be well worth your while to stop in during the summer to enjoy one of "Ken's" famous dinners. He prepared a dinner for the Degree Staff recently and was ably assisted by Nobles "Sid" Abbott, "Dick" Turpin and Zepp.

Plans are now being made for a lobster dinner which we have to have before our June 25th Ceremonial.

Noble "Doc" Clark seems to have overcome his illness and we are happy to say that he is back with us attending meetings regularly once again. "Doc" Worthen and "Doc" Clark certainly take plenty of time in examining candidates to determine whether or not they are physically fit and able to take it.

Noble George Lewis has returned from his winter in Florida and I am sorry to report that his health is not as good as it should be, which has necessitated his being absent for several weeks.

Noble "Ed" Bowen reported for duty on Friday the 21st. We are happy to welcome "Ed" and hope he enjoys the company with whom he has indicated his intention to associate. I am sure that he will.

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Director Frank Watson together with Nobles Carl Parker, Mitch Hambro, Don Macquarie and Carl Priest, visited at Sphinx Temple in Willimantic, Connecticut, where they put on one of our favorite stunts, the One Man Boxing Match. "It's always a tough fight."



**SHRINE MEMORIAL**

THE accompanying picture of an unusual memorial bearing the Aleppo Fez was sent to Aleppo Headquarters by Noble William H. McFarlane of Lynn.

Noble McFarlane advises that he took this picture one day while passing through Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; the fez on the stone having aroused his curiosity.

This memorial has also aroused the curiosity of many Officers of Aleppo and it has been suggested that any of our Nobles now living, who attended the Shrine Pilgrimage to the Weirs, New



**ALEppo MEMORIAL**

Hampshire, in 1907 and can recall the incident in reference to the erecting of this memorial, forward the information to the Shrine office for printing in a future issue of the NEWS.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S BEQUEST TO BOSTON LEAPS TO MILLIONS**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was born in Boston and when he made his will he bequeathed his native town 1,000 pounds or about \$5,000. That was over a century and a half ago (1790). The sum was designed to help young married "artificers" get a start in business, and it later was an aid in establishing the Franklin Technical Institute (about 40 years ago). The will was drawn carefully and the bequest had "no strings" so Boston was able to invest the fund profitably when the plan of loaning "artificers" became inoperative due to changed industrial conditions. Through investment the sum now, besides the amount in the Institute, reaches nearly one million dollars and accumulation continues so that when in 1991 the "Town of Boston and the government of the State," as Franklin wrote in the will, are to share equally, the sum they will split will be nearly four million dollars.

Since the Franklin Technical Institute was established, over 50,000 have studied there and graduated. Moreover, during the war 3,000 Navy and Coast Guardsmen and 700 Air Corps members trained there, and today total enrollment is about 700.

The great patriot was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1831 and later became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Also he was affiliated with a number of Lodges in Paris when he was in France representing his native land.

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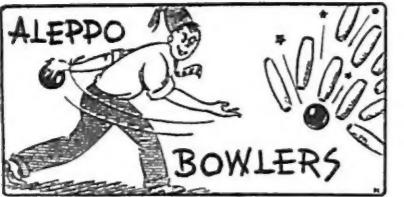
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#### AN AVERAGE NOBLE

**WE DIDN'T** paint the word-picture which follows, wish we had; nor do we know who did it . . . but we call it a rather competent piece of word-smithing.

The most interesting person in the world is the average Noble. The average Noble is 39 around the chest, 40 around the waist, 96 around the golf course and a nuisance around the house.

He gets up first in the morning, is second at the morning newspaper, third in the bathroom and last to board the morning train to town. He wears a conventional gray or brown suit with a white shirt, but always thought he'd be at his best in a checkered suit with a dark flannel shirt and a bright red tie. He passes up the French fried potatoes and the hot rolls at lunch and then eats mince pie to bridge the gap. He can hit two quail out of five shots, catches an occasional fish, plays poker once a month, opens with a large pair, bluffs when he is a winner and doesn't like conversation when he is a loser. He complains about taxes, shortages of labor and rationing and politics. He has a favorite football team but will take the other team and fourteen points.

He drinks three cups of coffee a day, has bacon four days a week, likes his toast hot and is always going to clean out the garage some Saturday afternoon.

He has three false teeth, five fillings, a small cavity and needs a haircut.

He shaves once a day with an extra thrown in on appropriate occasions.

He contributes regularly to the support of his pastor, congressmen, poker friends and many others who are not mentioned on his income tax return. He takes reducing exercises regularly three days a week.

A NOTHER successful season for the Aleppo Bowlers has terminated and to the winners our heartiest congratulations. As predicted in the last issue, the "Ceremonial Masters" captained by the tomato slinging Sid Abbott, won in a walk-a-way by 10 points. Of course Jim Greig's average of 103 helped and President Whitley, Abe Borenstein and Louis Bills contributed their share of pins.

Second prize went to the "High Priests," Captain Richards, Al Robbins, Joe Stead and Harry Gordon, and 'lo and behold, a "Priest," Carl in fact, the waddling degree staff member. "Chief Rabbans" and "Oriental Guides" (my team) tied for 3rd, then the "Potentates" with the "Assistant Rabbans" bringing up in the cellar.

High Average went to Al Bjorklund for second straight year, with Jim Greig taking over second place. Harry Gordon, who led all the year, had a rough night the last match and dropped to third.

Harry Gordon had one thing consoling, inasmuch as he got the high 3-string prize of 353, with Harold Chase knocking off second prize with 346. Dave Lees nailed down high single with 139 and Louis Bills took second with 137.

The prizes (pardon the pun) were clocks to help keep the League ticking for another year. (More bowlers needed.)

Potentate's Trophy for high 10 strings (handicap prevailing) won by Woodman with 1099. His average for year was 91. Handicap of 103. Recorder's Trophy was won by Al Robbins with 1074 who nosed yours truly out (darn it), by 2 pins.

Frank Ells, Chief Rabban, in the absence of Wally Riddell, the Potentate, presented the Potentate's Trophy to Ernie Woodman, with Harvey Leggee, the Recorder, presenting the Recorder's Trophy to Al Robbins.

Special prizes won by Gene Rothmund and Bill Richards. Bowlers then adjourned to alleys where Nobles wound up the season, aided and abetted by Imperial Oriental Guide Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chief Rabban Frank B. Ells and Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.

We had a "Weenie" Roast at Abe Borenstein's estate in West Acton on Sunday, May 23. Beautiful weather for a change. — Luck of the Nobility.

row sometimes and holds his stomach in when people look like they are going to tell him he is getting fat.

He wears the ties people give him for Christmas and knows some stories about the same color.

He can't remember much about the "Lady of the Lake," or "Julius Caesar," but can do a complete rendition of the "Face on the Barroom Floor" and "Our Nell."

He reads mystery stories and doesn't peek into the back of the book to see how they come out. He likes certain pictures no matter who painted them and couldn't tell you for the life of him what Mrs. So-and-so wore at the dance. He needs a new suit of dinner clothes and there is a rip in his hunting coat. He is supposed to live to be 74, had pains at 22 and should have been shot at 30 and feels fine at 48. He has sparrows in the attic, termites in the flooring and mice in the pantry.

He is going to buy a small farm some day just outside of town, and live there — and do part of the farm work personally. He's too old to join the army, too young to enjoy social security, and too lazy to exercise down to the correct weight. You meet him every day in the bank, in the store, the office, on the street and in front of the mirror.

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At this meeting it was voted to donate to the Springfield Unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, the sum of \$1,105.57, which the club raised during the year; the same to be used for the purchasing of equipment for the hospital or for any other purpose that the Board of Governors desires.

At this meeting the President thanked Nobles Fred Sears, Wallace Wood and Secretary Charles W. Robinson for their services as a Committee on Arrangements for the recent annual Potentate's Night held at the Hotel Sheraton. This occasion was attended by many officers from Aleppo Temple and in attendance was the largest number of members of the Worcester Shrine Club ever attending an annual Potentates Night.

Secretary Robinson told the members that the Worcester Shrine Club netted \$1,000 on their vaudeville show held in the Worcester Auditorium last November in which the Aleppo Band played a prominent part.



**NOBLE HUGO O. PETERSON**  
President of the Worcester County  
Shrine Club

#### WORCESTER NOBLE HEADS SHRINE CLUB

AT THE Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Worcester County Shrine Club held last month Dr. Hugh O. Peterson of Worcester was unanimously elected to serve that club as its President for the coming year.

Also elected at this meeting to support President Peterson were the following Officers, Committeemen and District Directors: Vice-President, Walter J. Fleming; Secretary, Charles W. Robinson; Treasurer, Robert P. Adams. Executive Committee members, Earl W. Shaw; Wallace H. Wood; Ayton Smith; Emile L. Rousseau and Andrew M. Goff. Auditing Committee: Harold B. Proctor, Charles W. Townsend, Gerald C. Page. District Directors: John E. Riley, Auburn; A. L. Adams, Baldwinsville; John T. Hardman, Clinton; Joseph Hickory, Farnumsville; Harry E. Kendall, Fitchburg; Howard D. Ferguson, Gardner; George P. Zarynoff, Grafton; Charles F. Austin, Hopedale; Cecil J. Blake, Hudson; Charles E. Tisdale, Leominster; Ernest Reynard, Marlboro; Dr. H. Ellsworth Morse, Milford; William L. Wadsworth, Northboro; William Bacon, No. Oxford; A. C. Jackson, Oxford; Deane O. Howland, Paxton; Palmer J. Lord, Petersham; Wesley H. Durant, Shrewsbury; Clayton F. Fisher,

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### POTENTATE'S NIGHT CELEBRATED AT NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB

A RECORD crowd of over 200 of the Nobility gathered in the Ballroom of the New Bedford Hotel, Wednesday, May 12 to participate in the Annual Potentate's Night given by the club in honor of Aleppo's Illustrious Potentate.

In the absence of Illustrious Potentate Wallace D. Riddell, due to illness, he was represented by Chief Rabban Frank B. Ells, who was accompanied by a large suite of Officers from the Temple, among whom were: N. Russell Lynn, Assistant Rabban; Andrew S. Seiler, High Priest and Prophet; Lawson W. Oakes, Oriental Guide; Justin A. Duncan, Treasurer; Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder; Arthur G. MacKenzie, First Ceremonial Master; Gerald F. Zedren, Second Ceremonial Master; Walter W. Benson, Marshal; Frank W. Watson, Director; Arthur A. Sondeheim, Past Potentate; Charles C. Grinnmons, Captain of the Guard; Edgar S. Turner, Outer Guard; Charles R. Gunnarson, Assistant Marshal; Fred B. Duncan, 3rd degree Team Chairman, and Potentate's Aides Francis R. Sagle, Louis C. Adams and G. Harry Adalian. Chief Rabban Ells was also accompanied by the new Aleppo Fez-tive Four, consisting of Walter Leavitt, Elmer Flagg, Anthony Bersacola and Elliott Davidson, who supplied inspirational music for the banquet.

Following the introduction of guests Noble Andrew P. Lonergan, President of the club, announced that at the business meeting in the afternoon the club voted to purchase three electrically heated bassinets to be presented to St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, for the delivery room in the maternity ward in the hospital at a cost of approximately \$700.

Secretary Alvin Tunstall of the club announced that 16 Nobles present had filed with him during the day, petitions for membership in Aleppo Temple, signed by 16 candidates, to be acted upon at the June 25 Ceremonial. He also stated that several buses had been chartered to take the Nobility from the New Bedford Club to the Aleppo Ceremonial in Boston, June 25, to see the New Bedford candidates cross the "Hot Sands."

Past President William Stitt presented Noble Ells with a plastic jewel case for Mrs. Ells. This was one of the very fine pieces of plastic created by Noble Stacy of the club.



### MASONS ARE TOPS

MASONRY ranks first in membership among the 19 largest and best known organizations in the United States, according to Vernon Pope, who compiled the complete rolls of these organizations in an article in a recent issue of *Good Housekeeping Magazine*.

Pope estimates the number of Freemasons at 2,484,000. Boy Scouts of America rank second with an estimated 1,665,000, and the Order of the Eastern Star ties with the Order of DeMolay for third place, with an estimated membership in each order of 1,500,000. The American Legion ranks fourth with an estimated 1,306,100 in its ranks.

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